

March 9, 2012

## **EX PARTE**

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband

Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and

Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135;

High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;

Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92;

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109; Universal Service

Reform Mobility Fund, WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on March 8, 2012, Jeff Lanning of CenturyLink, Alan Buzacott of Verizon, Brian Benison and Jack Habiak of AT&T, and Glenn Reynolds of USTelecom met with John Hunter, Doug Slotten and Randy Clarke in connection with the proceedings identified above.

During this meeting, the industry representatives described various examples of "mileage pumping" and urged the Commission to act quickly to limit these arbitrage opportunities, consistent with the arguments put forth in USTelecom's petition for reconsideration in this docket. The industry representatives did not dispute that terminating carriers should have flexibility to efficiently architect their networks, but asserted that such terminating carriers should not be allowed to impose additional costs on other carriers through the selection of distant or otherwise unnecessarily costly points of interconnection.

Please include this notice in the dockets referenced above.

Sincerely,

Glenn Reynolds

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c: John Hunter Doug Slotten Randy Clarke